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Syracuse, a former member of the Society. Out of this total of \$75.00 there will be met the cost of the Society's supply of 1,700 reprints, some of the postage, the cost of the new plate, and additional items which will be reported in detail later.

The Council asks the aid of the members at large, not only in furthering the campaign of education, which it is hoped may be accomplished by the distribution of the reprint, but also by such cash contributions as may be possible toward the special printing fund, to the end that the Society's reserve for regular printing may be restored. If one-sixth of our three hundred members should send a dollar apiece to the Treasurer, the fifty dollar fund would be completely restored.

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### American Fern Society

Our Curator, Prof. L. S. Hopkins, is now settled at his new place of residence, Canton, Mo., where he is Dean of Culver-Stockton College. He wishes it announced that requests for the loan of specimens from the Society Herbarium should be sent to him at the above address and that he will now be able to give them immediate attention.

Through the kindness of Mrs. C. A. Weatherby, who has made the drawing, we are able to present the plate of *Adiantum pedatum*, var. *aleuticum* which accompanies Mr. Rugg's note on the finding of this plant in Vermont by Mrs. Frances L. Jolley—one of the most interesting discoveries made in the eastern United States in recent years. The drawing of var. *aleuticum* was made from one of Mrs. Jolley's specimens; that of typical *A. pedatum* from a specimen collected at Bolton, Conn.

With this number, volume 12 of the JOURNAL is completed: our readers may be interested in an account

of some of the prospects for the next volume. Miss Marshall has sent us an interesting, illustrated account of a peculiar form of the ebony spleenwort, growing in a most unexpected place, which has been under observation by her and by others for a number of years. There is probably no genus of fernworts which gives more trouble to amateurs and even to expert botanists in determining species than does the genus *Equisetum*: Prof. J. H. Schaffner, who has made a special study of the genus, has prepared a key for the use of amateurs with the especial object of pointing out the important characters which are to be depended upon in naming specimens. We also hope to begin at an early date a series of illustrated articles on single species of ferns, in which, through the collaboration of several members, an effort will be made to bring together all available information to date in regard to the characters, habits, distribution, etc., of the plants concerned, and to present it in an interesting and untechnical manner. Another prospect is an article on tropical species desirable for cultivation, but not now on the market.

The Judge of Elections, J. C. Nelson, Salem, Oregon, reports the election of the following officers for 1923:—President, W. R. Maxon; Vice-President, Miss M. A. Marshall; Secretary, Rev. C. S. Lewis; Treasurer, J. G. Underwood. The nominating committee consisted of C. H. Bissell, Chairman, Miss Annie Lorenz and Bayard Long.

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New Members:—

Kittredge, Miss E. M., Proctor, Vt.

Taylor, Norman, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Whitman, Mrs. William, Jr., 17 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

Change of address:—

Greene, F. C., 1434 South Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa, Okla.